

Egremont Board of Health

August 5, 2021, 10:00 am

Meeting held in person at Egremont Town Hall and Zoom

Members Present: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose

Others Present: Michael Straher, Attorney Paul Feldman, Al Thorp, Accord Engineering

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:02 am, introduced members and staff present and noted the meeting was being recorded. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting with a minor correction. Vote taken 2-0. Approved.
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** The work to secure the foundation of the structure has been completed. Attorney Feldman stated his client is committed to demolishing the structure and will adhere to the following timeline: commit to file with the Egremont Conservation Commission within 30 days and commit to file with the Egremont Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) within 90 days. While the board appreciates the action Mr. Straher has taken to remove the immediate public health and safety threat, the board feels the public health nuisance remains. The board did not agree to wait until future permits were granted by the ConCom and ZBA to have the structure demolished as it is believed this process will take a very long time, and those boards may not grant those permits based on both the zoning and wetland challenges inherent to the property. For this reason and after much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to revise the existing Order to Demolish Structure and to revisit the situation when the ConCom and the ZBA applications are submitted in the respective 30-day and 90-day timelines. Vote taken 2-0. Approved.
- 3) **Senior Housing Issue** Director Haas and Peggy Muskrat of the COA have been keeping in contact with the senior who recently vacated the cabin at the Prospect Lake Campground. Director Haas spoke to a representative at the Barrington Housing Authority. The senior is currently 107th on the Barrington Housing list.
- 4) **Devine/136 Hillsdale Road** Director Haas denied Mr. Devine's building permit request to connect a toilet in his garage/barn to his existing septic system.
- 5) **Recent Field Work:**
 - Septic inspection/64 Creamery Road/Juliette
 - Perc/183 Egremont Plain Road/Alliance
 - Title 5/39 Main Street/Juliette/pass
- 6) **COA Request for PH Nursing** Egremont's Alliance PH Nurse is scheduled to attend the September meeting of the SAGE Triad group to find ways in which she might assist.

Laura Kittross will be attending the September 2 BOH meeting to discuss additional PH nursing services.

- 7) **COVID** Three new cases in Egremont have been reported of which two were breakthrough cases. Chairman Ogden spoke to this issue at a recent Select Board meeting. The town is holding off on revising any municipal mask or vaccination policies. Director Haas will submit a draft communication message to the EBOH for their review stating the new local and regional cases, the need to continue to mask in public indoor settings and to ask people to reassess their risks.
- 8) The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am. The next EBOH meeting will take place on August 19, 2021.

Juliette S. Haas
Approved
8/19/2021